THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED AT LAST

Harrison Wagner, Man of Many Mysterious Judgments, Located in Washington.

HIS METHODS ARE EXPOSED

When Arrested He Had Trunks Full of Judgments and Seals.

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ceeded in securing Judgments against many people in many places for sums aggregating more than six million delars, has at last been run to earth. He is now under arrest in Washington, having been located in a secluded portion of that city, living a hermit-like existence.

The apprehension of Wagner is the culmination of a long chase, in which the government secret service have been long engaged. The man appeared to be a myth, but for the frequent and tangble evidences of his handlwork which made their appearance from time to time in various Federal courts. Lawyers were found to take hold of these apparently genuine judgments, but in each case the attorneys disclaimed any knowledge of Wagner, and were apparently the innocent victims of this mysterious individual. On December 2d. in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, a Washington lawyer appeared with a bunch of these old judgments for large sums. The court appeared to be more familiar with the spurious nature of these alleged judgments than did the attorney, and endeavored vainly to convince the attorney that he was the victim of some one, and that hundreds of such spurious judgments, obtained by fraud, had been furown out of court repeatedly. With buildog tonacity the lawyer insisted that these judgments were genuine, and he submitted them in proof of his assertions to the scrutiny of the court. Judge Brawley produced and read to the attorney a clipping from a Baltimore paper detailing the exploits of the judgment fakir, and finally advised the lawyer to investigate and ascertain whether or not the judgments he held were some of those specifically pronounced fraudulent by the Circuit Court at Baltimore. It is presumed that the Washington attorney satisfied himself that he had been imposed upon, for he never afterwards brought the subject up.

Secured Many Judgments.

Wagner went out to Dickenson county and in some manner succeeded in securing judgments to the amount of several millions. It seems that he had been similarly successful in Maryland. These judgments hore the seals and stamps of the courts, to all appearances, and it was difficult to imagine how they had been secured without the collusion of the court officers. This, however, was not the case. The court officers were as much amazed and puzzled as were the Federal court officials.

When the much wanted and mysteriou man was located he was found to have three trunks full of judgments in his pos-session, and along with them some spusession, and addig with them some spa-rious court seals. The anystery was ex-plained at last Just how this man prof-lted by his shrewd work does not appear, for as far as can be learned they were never honored and yielded him nothing. The case has not yet been tried, and some

The case has not yet been tried, and some Interesting developments are expected when they do come up.

Whether the recent appearance of the Washington attorney in the court here furnished the clue that led to the running down of this man is not yet known, but that is probable. The lawyer was indignant that he had been claiming that a reputable attorney whom he named had requested him to present those judgments here, and that if they were spurious he had been imposed upon and intended to reckon with those who had victimized him.

In a Bankrupt Case.

Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., United States District judge, has named Mr. Claude M. Dean, special commissioner in the bankruptcy proceeding of H. St. A. Montague, to hear testimony upon and to decide as to the title or ownership of the steam launch Ruby, one of the choses in action. It is desimed that this launch is the property of the bankrupt, and not of the bankrupt, and not of the bankrupt himself.

JUDGE HAMMOND DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Meeting of McKinley Me-

morial Association.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, December 17.—Judge E.
Hammond, of the Federal District
Ourt, Memphis, Tenn., died here to-day
after an illness of four days with pneu-

Judge Hammond came to New York Judge Hammond came to New York about two weeks ago, to attend a meeting of the McKinley Mcmorial Association, and decided to remain a few days for a visit with his daughter. He contracted a severe cold early in the week and Tuesday it developed into pneumonia.

Judge Hammond was sixty-six years id. The body will be taken to Memphis for burial.

OBITUARY.

John Blair.

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Mr. John Blair, one of the oldest residents of Richmond, and for many years prominent in business circles of the city, died at his residence. No. 25 South Third Street, westerday morning at 7 c'clock.

Mr. Blair had been in ill health for many months, and about a year ago suffered a stroke of paralysis. This, combined with his extreme old age, was the ultimate cause of his death.

Mr. Blair was born in this city in 1822, and was a son of Mr. S. Jordan Blair, He was educated in the schools of Rehmond, and when he had completed his training he went into the grocery business as a partner in the firm of William M. Harrison and Company, and later was one of the firm of Blair and Chamberlain, wholesale grocers.

vholesale grocers. Several years later Mr. Blair was em-





Mrs. M. A. Wilson.

Mrs. T. M. Southgate.

C. O. Tayloe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WARSAW, VA., December 17.—Mr. C.
Ogle Tayloe, a prominent citizen of King
George county, died suddenly of apoplexy
at his home near the Hopyard, that county, this morning. He leaves a widow and

C. P. Lipscombe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 17.—Mr
Charles P. Lipscombe, who was sixty-two
years of age, died in South Lynchburg
last night, after a long filness. He is survived by his widow and three children.

DEATHS.

his age.

The burial will take place SUNDAY, at Fork Church, Hanover county, Va.

ployed as collector for the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, which position he held up to about a year ago. He was compelled to retire from active business life on account of infimilies.

He was prominent in the Presbyterian Church, and was an active worker. At the time of his death he was a deacon in the Grace Street Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Blair inauried Miss Dickinson, of Petersburg, and from the union there was one child. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. S. H. Hawes, Sr.; three disters—Mrs. Joel Watkins and Mrs. Mary Crutchfield, of this city, and Mrs. Susan Antrim, of Charlottesville. He also leaves one brother, Mr. Albert Blair.

The funeral will take place from the Grace Street Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pull-bearers will be the deacons of the church.

Owing to the indisposition of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil will conduct the services.

Mary Brent Hunton Foster.

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Mrs. Mary Brent Hunton Foster, widow of the late Major Thomas R. Foster, of Fauguler county, Va., died at the resi-dence of her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Witt, n the city of Richmond, on December 4

1994.

Mrs. Foster was born in Fauquier county on the 22d of April, 1828. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Marye Brent and Major Eppa Hunton.

Her carly ancestors came over with Lord Baltimore and settled in lower Maryland.

On her father's side she came of a few

land.

On her father's side she came of a family well known and honored in Fauquier and other sections of the State, who have always been recognized for ability, high-mindedness and integrity of character, and never falled to rise to prominence and distinction wherever they lived. She was a woman of strongly marked

She was a woman of strongly marked character, high moral tone, and good judgment. No life could be associated with hers and not be elevated in its country. with ners and not be elevated in its growth.

For thirty-seven years she had filled the place of second mother to her husband's children, and nobly did she respond to all demands made upon her. Her strict sense of instice qualified her to meet this relationship with more than usual self-forgotfulness, and such was her love for children and grandchildren that each felt that they had lost in her a

that each felt that they had lost in her a wise counsellor and true friend, as well as a parent and grandparent.

These, with her honored and distinguished brother. General Eppa Hunton, mourn her loss.

Mrs. Foster was, indeed, a lady of the old school, that splendid type of oldentines, whose influence gave to the South its civilization, its traditions and its lofty ideals.

As the lady of her husband's household, she gave to the fireside its genial glow, and by her own sterling worth and example was a living witness to womanly truth and gentleness.

As re Christian, she measured up to the teachings of her mother, and when called

trachings of her mother, and when called "to go hence," she answered the summons with that simple and shiding faith which had been hers for so many years. A well-seent life is fluished; a devout Christian has gone to ber reward.

Roland Meade Stutz.

Roland Meade, the infant son of Mr Went to New York to Attend

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Amad Mrs. Lyman Stullz, dled yesterday,
aged one year and ten months, at the
home, Howard's Grove. The funcral will
be from the home at 1 P. M., conducted
by Rev. G. O. Meade, of Christ Church.

aged one Year and ten months, at the long, Howards trove. The Tuneral will lower, Howards a trove. The Tuneral will be ground the color of months. Prank A. Shamman field hast night at 10 o'clock at the residence of is mother. The property of the property

EACH CONFIDENT OF BEATING OTHER

Britt and Nelson, Ready for the Fray, Declare They Are Very Good Friends.

FIGHT WILL BE VERY CLOSE

Nelson Can Hit Harder, But Britt Has Better Defense. Ringside Arguments.

(BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SAN FRANCISCO, December 17.-A notable thing about the Britt-Nelson situation is the pride which each of the boxers feels in his physical strength. Noison, to begin with, always did judge prospective opponents from the viewpoint of avoirdupois. He has a standing objection to negroes as ring fellows, but the only stipulation he makes in regard to pale face fighters is that they meet him at the weight he likes best.

His favorite mark is 130 pounds. He has stretched the limit a couple of pounds to accommodate Jimmy Britt, and at either notch he believes there is no more effective human fighting machine in the world than himself. Champions and exchampions—precedous novices and seasoned war horses are all one to Nelson.

"I don't care what they look like or what reputation they have, so long as they make the weight." Is the way "Bat" puts it. Nothing short of decisive defeat will convince Neison that he isn't the original 132 pound package.

Mrs. M. A. Wilson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., December 17.—Mrs.
Mary Anne Wilson, for many years proprietor of Wilson's Sulphur Springs,
Rockbridge county, died quite unexpectedly Monday from neuralgin of the neart.
Mrs. Wilson was one of the oldest women of Rockbridge, having passed her
eighty-seventh birthday. Two sons and
two daughters survive.

Mrs. T. M. Southwate. What Britt Claims. What Britt Claims.

Similar feelings possess Britt. He said the other day, that if fightling brought nothing to a man but the satisfaction of winning, he would be willing to test his mettle in private with the best 132 pound man that could be produced.

"I may be wrong, but I think I am the undisputed champion at that notch," said Jimmy. "I have fought above and below that figure, and, I have discovered that Jimmy Britt scales 132 pounds, it is 132 pounds of fightling force."

Feeling that way about it, there does

Feeling that way about it, there does not seem to be any loophole for the lover to avail himself of when trying to explain

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORPOLK, VA., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Thomas
Muse Southgate died at her hisband's
residence, Mowbray Arch, to-day. Her
funeral will occur Monday. She is survived by her husband, who was for many
years a captain in the Old Dominion River
fleef, and by several children, among
whom is T. S. Southgate, of Norfolk. Nelson a Wirv Chap.

Nelson in all his fights has shown himself to be a wiry fellow, Looking back it seems as though he never made back it seems as though he never made a had match so far as weight was concerned. Britt, on the other hand, has been all but caught napplus. When he boxed Young Corbett at 17) pounds, he was a scraggy looking sight. His hipbones were as sharp as ploughshares, and he was ribby and skinny of neck.

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The difference in appearance between Britt at 132 points and Britt at 130 is so remarkable that it excites wonderment. At the latter figure the native son is a scarcerow, At the former he looks cobby in comparison, and he is moreover as full of life and action as are regging in the superior of the same time interesting. When Britt had

The explanation is simple, and at the same time interesting. When Britt had to make 130 pounds, there was ceaseless worry as to whether he would get to that notch. In order to be sure he went as low as 125 a day or so before the contest. The effort bared his ribs until they could be counted, and made spindles of his less. BLUNT.-Died, December 15th, at the home of his nephew, Claude L. Burress, at Verdon, Hanover county, Va., MR. JOHN L. BLUNT, in the 80th year of his age.

BLAIR.—Entered into rest, at 7:10 A. M.,
December 17th, at No. 215 South Third
Street, JOHN BLAIR, in his eighty-second year.
Funeral will take place at Grace
Street Presbyterian Church, at three
o'clock SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Interment in Shockoe Cemetery.
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These evidences of atenuation were visible when he went into the ring, and in addition there was a lack of vitality, and the careworn expression that drastic methods of reducing had produced.

Fighters often talk of the hardships that are endured in removing "the last pound." Britt had all these experiences while making 130, and he has none of them in dropping to 132. He reaches that weight naturally by good healthful work, tapering off with a days' drying out. He looks a six pounds heavier man at lenst at 132 than he does at 130, and his is certainly that much better as a fighter.

'Are Closelv Matched. FRY.—Died. at the Memorial Hospital, at 5:30 P. M. yesterday afternoon, Dr. FRANK T. FRY. in the eighty-sixth year of his age. Born September 3, 1819. year of his age. Born September 3, 1819.

HALL—Died, at his residence, December 15, 1904, at 8:29 o'clock P. M., ROBERT L. HALL, in the 60th year of his age. He leaves wife, three children, two brothers and one sister to mourn their loss—Mrs. Willie A. Hall, Mrs. Minnie F. Cousins, Mrs. Mattle M. Cousins, Charles A. Hall, Thomas Hall, Garland Heil and Lula Hall.

Funeral will take place from Marshall Street Christian Church THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON, December 18th, at three o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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Funeral will take place from Marshall Street Christian Church THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON, December 18th, at three o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

LOTH.—Died, Thursday night, at his residence at Waynesboro, Va., WM. J. LOTH, formerly of Richmond, in desixty-first year of his age.

Funeral SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 2:30 o'clock.

Savannah Morning News please copy, Savannah Morning News please copy.

MILLER.—Died. Saturday, December 16.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A now feature in the annual stake offering of the Brighton Beach Racing Association, for which entries close Tresday, January 3d, is the Brighton nile event, a weight-for-age race at one mile, and with \$3,000 added, This event, in which the conditions appeal to horsomen, will be run on the opening day of the midsummer meeting, taking the place of the Test Handicap, also at one mile, to be run later in the meeting and the state of the state of

ing the place of the Test Handicap, also at one mile, to be run later in the meeting. The Hardicap of \$25,60 for is the Brighton Handicap of \$25,60 for three-year-olds and upward, the richest handicap run in America. In three suctions and recommendation of this race is the Winner of this race in the service of the successive years the winner of this race.

Tail in Capitol Square.

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has hung up a record at the distance. In 1902 it was Gold Heels, in 1903 Waterboy, and this year Captain Brown's Groomstick won in 2:02 4-5. running the mile and a quarter faster than any horse had ever run it before over either a circular or straightaway course.

Other events for three-year-olds and unward are the Jamalca and Naullius stakes and the Ishp Handleap; for three-year-olds the Gien Cove Handleap and the Sea Gate and Sea Gull stakes, and for two-year-olds the Montauk, Atlantic and Distaff stakes and the Winged Foot Handleap, are entiting to owners.

For owners of cross-country horses the association has added \$5,000 to the Brighton Steeplechase, to be run over the full course. This is a race at special weights for horses four years old and upward, with penalties and allowances. There are two other steeplechase on the list, the Funchestown Handleap and the Curragh Stakes, which is a selling event.

Two events set down for the autumn meeting of 1905 are the Brighton Cup at two miles and a quarter und the Cup Preliminary, at a mile and a half. The cup race will have a guaranteed cash value of \$10,000, and in addition the winner will receive a gold cup of the value of \$1,000.

NEW RACE PROGRAMME SOON TO BE ISSUED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NISW YORK, December 17.—Definite
announcement was made yesterday by an
officer of the American Automobile Assoofficer of the American Automobile Association that a new programme of rading will be prepared for the tournament in the Draytona-Ormond (Fla.) beach on January 22d to 28th, and that official entry blanks will be issued as early as possible next week. A race secretary has been chosen who will prepare the programme under the supervision of the Florida East Coast Automobile Association. Many of the events named in the list issued a few days ago will be included in the new programme.

The officers of the American Automobile Association say that there is no intention to antagonize the interests that have been identified with the promotion of the Florida meets in former years, Those Florida meets in former years, Those who have helped in building up the Southern meet will be invited to assist in its conduct this winter.

FIELDING AVERAGES OF AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The American League fielding averages were given out to-day. The leader of the clubs is Chicago, 965. The leaders in the different positions are: First-baseman Lachance, Boston, 991; Second-buseman Robinson, Detroit, 901; Third susceman Tannehill, Chicago, 948; Short-stop Conroy, New York, 958; Catcher Sugden, St. Louis, 990; Out-fielder Robinson, Detroit, 1,909; Pitcher Joss, Cleveland, 983; Pitcher (won and lost) Chesbro, New York, 774.

Racing at New Orleans.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Spencerians's
inability to shoulder top-weight in the
heavy-going tells the story of the running of the Crescent City Handicap today.

day,
Carnish at (7 to 2) carried most of the
money. He led to the stretch and then
tiring, falled to stall off Lauralighter's
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First face—six furlongs—Telescope (11 to 20), first; Vanness (18 to 1), second; Mayor Johnson (5 to 1), third. Time, 1:18.

Second race—seven furlongs—Mathdor (2 to 5), first; Queen Rose (20 to 1), second; Rillies (2 to 1), third. Time, 1:35 1-4.

Third race—five furlongs—Trossachs (16 to 1), first; Totness (5 to 2), second; Belle of Portland (3 to 5), third. Time, 1:65.

Tourth race—The Crescent City Handicap, mile and a quarter—Lauralighter (3 to 1), first; Carnish (7 to 2), second; Aladdin (8 to 1), third. Time, 2:05.

Fifth race—live furlongs, handicap—Viperine (1 to 2), first; Savior Faire (6 to 1), second; Greengown (9 to 1), third. Time, 1:96.

Sixth race—mile and an eighth—Auromaster (5 to 2), first; Autolight (18 to 5), second; Little Foy (6 to 1), third, Time, 2:05.

LOST FALSE TEETH.

Doswell Excited Over Conductor's Predicament.

tor's Predicament.

There was excitement in the town of Doswell on last Saturday night, excitement that caused a midnight search with lanterns and pine torches, and all because of a violent sneeze.

A conductor of a mixed train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, startled at the sight of the prosperous town, sneezed, and sneezing lost a set of teeth by whiche set great store. The town was, awakened and men with lamps and linterns searched diligently, but without success. Eighteen dollars' worth of teeth were shivering in the snow, while their owner was forced to exist solely upon soup. The toothless conductor got off and spent a day digging in the snow it is said, but to no purpose. On Monday a lame man with a crutch was walking down the track. When mearing the station at -oswell he felt something savagely clutch. his crutch, and looking down beheld it held fast in a splendid set of teeth. The conductor is now eating meat.



MRS. BETSY ELIZABETH WALKER, 103 Years Old,

Harvard Gets Wray

(Special to The Times Dispatch)
CAMBRIDGE, December 17.—Professor
A. C. Coolidge, acting chairman of Harvard's Athletic Committee, last night officially confirmed the engagement of James Wray, the Australian oursman, as coach of the Crimson crew for five years.

RABBIT FOOLS HIM. Small Boy Tracks Old Cotton

Tail in Capitol Square.

SIX DAYS OF

WONDERFUL SELLING

WILL BE INAUGURATED HERE TO MORROW MORNING-IT'S GOING TO BE A FAM ILY AFFAIR, AND IT MERITS THE ATTENTION OF EVERY MEM-BER-READ THE LIST THROUGH THOR-OUGHLY.

Lot 1.

Men's Single and Double-Breasted Sack Suits, in Cassimere, Worsted, Mixed and Plain Cheviots, worth \$15.00 to \$18.00,

SPECIAL PRICE,

\$11.50.

Lot 2.

Men's and Young Men's Cravenette Raincoats-cut very long and with broad concave shoulders—made of Worsteds and Cheviots, guaranteed thoroughly waterproof, worth \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00,

SPECIAL PRICE,

\$11.50.

Lot 3.

Men's and Young Men's Winter Weight Overcoats—short, medium and long lengths with and without belts-made of Cheviots, Friezes, Cassimeres and Worsteds, worth \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00,

SPECIAL PRICE,

\$11.50.

Boys' Suits, Overcoats and

Reefers at Reduced Prices.

BOYS' KNEE PANTS SUITS.

At \$1.95, worth \$3.00 and \$3.50 At \$2.45, worth \$4.00 and \$4.50

At \$3.95, worth \$5.00 and \$5.50 At \$4.45, worth \$6.00 and \$6.50

CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS.

At \$3.45, worth \$5.00

At \$3.95, worth \$6.00

At \$4.95, worth \$7.50

YOUTHS' OVERCOATS. At \$4.95, worth \$6.75

At \$6.75, worth \$9.50 At \$7.50, worth \$10.00

One lot of Children's Gray and Tan Frieze Reefers, worth \$5.00,

SPECIAL PRICE.

EVERY SMOKING JACKET IN THE HOUSE AT HALF PRICE.

EVERY HOLIDAY UMBRELLA IN THE HOUSE AT HALF PRICE. EVERY BATH ROBE IN THE HOUSE AT TWO

THIRDS PRICE. We have determined to dispense with our entire line of Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes and Holiday Umbrellas, and give you these

of them in time for the Holiday shopping. Gans-Rady Company.

reduced prices now so you can avail yourselves

bit has proved as wise and full of tricks as his wily Georgia ancestor. Dogs of all description, mongret, hound and free, have alloed upon his trail, but all to no availing the fools them all and still holds high revels with the sequences in the Square. On yesterday the small boy planned his death. The snow was soft and Brer Rabbit left his tell-tale trucks deep in the shall and leading to his home beneath a pile of trails. Nearer came the small boy, and away went Brer Rabbit lickity spit. It looked a sure thing for the little boy, but cotton-tail had not forgotten his old-time cumine. He doubled sharply on a hill side, and down tumbled his wicked little enemy, skinning his face and hounds. thankfully received at the Baptist Control Neighborhood House. Pickett Camp Auxiliary. There will be a call meeting of the Ladles' Auxiliary of George E. Pickett Camp. C. V., to-morrow [al B P. M. All members are urged to be present.

Christmas at the Jail.

WATCHES.

If you want to buy a Watch, don't fail to see Jahnke Brothers' stock and get their prices before buying. For the accommodation of the public, will be open nights for the next week.

ARE YOU IN DOUBT? There is nothing more acceptable than Jewelry for gifts. See the lines

Lumsden's,

781 Main Street.